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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SPECIAL US EMISSARY ON INDIAN OCEAN

REF: ANTANANARIVO 916

1. WE BELIEVE THAT IN RIGHT CIRCUMSTANCES SPECIAL EMISSARY ON INDIAN OCEAN COULD BE MARGINALLY HELPFUL IN OUR EFFORTS TO WARM UP US/GSDR RELATIONS, BUT THERE ARE SERIOUS RISKS INVOLVED WHICH, IF NOT ADDRESSED, COULD MAKE EMISSARY COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, AT LEAST AS FAR AS US INTERESTS IN SOMALIA ARE CONCERNED.

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2. GSDR HAS DIRECT AND PERMANENT INTEREST IN STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS OF GREAT POWER MILITARY COMPETITION IN INDIAN OCEAN, AND PRESUMABLY WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS ITS VIEWS ON SUBJECT. WE HAVE AN INTEREST IN EXPANDING AND DEEPENING DIALOGUE WITH GSDR, IN EFFORT TO MELT SOME OF THE POLITICAL SUSPICIONS AND HOSTILITIES OF PAST. BUT GSDR'S PRESENT POLITICO-MILITARY RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS ARE SUCH THAT IT WOULD DEEPLY RESENT ANY US APPROACH

THAT WAS NOT RELATED TO PROGRESS IN US/SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS
ON INDIAN OCEAN AND APPEARED BE EFFORT TO USE GSDR TO SCORE
PROPAGANDA POINTS OFF SOVIETS. UNTIL US/SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS
REACH STAGE WHERE INDIAN OCEAN DEMILITARIZATION IS NO LONGER
MERE SLOGAN, THEREFORE, WE WOULD NOT RECOMMEND THAT EMISSARY
COME TO SOMALIA.
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